

Externship Application Essay

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When I began my education at Western Michigan University, I brought with me a much different mindset than many of my freshmen classmates came equipped with. I started with the knowledge that while I will enjoy my college experience, my main objective will always be to put my education first because how well I focus during my time here reflects how well I will focus in my future career. I was raised by two very successful entrepreneurs, and living in such a business oriented environment sparked my interest in being involved in management. Through my parents I learned the many necessary skills to help me get ahead as I progress towards my career in business.

As long as I can remember, I have always been different from other people. Even during the earliest parts of my education, I can distinctly recall how organized everything of mine was. My childhood habits have since grown and now host a much more complex goal oriented mindset. I live to get my work done completely without procrastinating in order to have extra time to review my work. I consider myself a rarity in the sense that I make sure that I never miss out on opportunities to get the best quality work done in advance because as a student, I am constantly adjusting my goals and making sure that I am working efficiently. One of my most appealing qualities is my confidence. I have found that my personality hosts many positive attributes, but I find that knowing what I am doing and being sure that I am doing it well is the most vital of them all.

I am continuously trying to get ahead with everything that I am doing, and I think that my achievements so far have reflected the efforts that I have already mentioned. I made sure that I became active on campus my first semester of college, and I was even quick to take on the responsibilities involved with starting a community service based club in my first few weeks here. Although my schedule was full, my grades always came first and I was proud of my effort after my final grades came out. My grade point average reflected higher than the average freshmen's grades and after making the dean's list, I accepted the invitation to join an academic fraternity and was invited to join Western's Lee Honors College.

I would be honored to further enrich my experience as a business major by participating in the externship program. As a hardworking student, I find myself ready to start exploring my major in context. At this point, I am quite positive that I would like to pursue a future in management, but I would love to have the chance to explore the different areas of management. I hope to gain knowledge about the major that I have selected as well as experience in seeing what I may be doing in the future with my degree.